

1 20.255 (2) (bs) *Family involvement in education grants.* The amounts in the
2 schedule for family involvement in education grants under s. 115.42.

3 **SECTION 3.** 115.42 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **115.42 Family involvement in education grants. (1)** (a) A school board,
5 private school, public library system board under s. 43.19 or 43.21, municipal library
6 board under s. 43.54, county library board under s. 43.57, community-based
7 organization, board of control of a cooperative educational service agency or
8 consortium of regional staff development organizations representing school
9 districts, either individually or jointly with a nonprofit corporation, may apply to the
10 state superintendent for a grant to develop a family involvement in education project
11 designed to support any of the following:

12 1. A program that teaches parenting skills to parents of children in preschool
13 programs and early elementary grades.

14 2. A plan to enhance communication between school personnel and parents of
15 pupils enrolled in the school, develop a program for parents to volunteer in the school,
16 provide instruction in parenting skills in the high school grades, provide parent
17 training programs for parents, or allow the use of school facilities for adult education
18 programs.

19 3. A family resource center that does any of the following: distributes parent
20 education materials, provides respite child care, conducts workshops on child
21 development, facilitates communication between school personnel and parents of
22 pupils enrolled in the school or provides volunteer opportunities for parents within
23 the school.

24 (b) The state superintendent shall review the applications and determine
25 which of the projects eligible for funding will receive grants.

1 **(2)** Projects shall be funded on an annual basis and may be funded for a period
2 of no more than 2 years. No project may be funded unless the state superintendent
3 determines that all of the following conditions have been met:

4 (a) An award will not supplant funds otherwise available for the project.

5 (b) The application describes the method that will be used to evaluate the
6 effectiveness of the project and the method that will be used to involve parents in the
7 development of the project.

8 (c) There is a local commitment to maintain the project beyond the grant period,
9 if the state superintendent determines that such a commitment is appropriate.

10 (d) The applicant authorizes the state superintendent to disseminate
11 information about the results of the project.

12 (e) There is a matching fund contribution from the grant recipient of at least
13 20% of the cost of the project. Private funds and in-kind contributions may be used
14 to meet the requirement of this paragraph.

15 (f) The grant recipient will coordinate the project with agencies providing
16 similar services in the area.

17 (g) All parents in the school district may participate in the project.

18 (h) The grant funds will not be used for a sectarian purpose.

19 **(3)** Amounts awarded under this section shall be paid from the appropriation
20 under s. 20.255 (2) (bs) and may be paid in instalments.

21 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions; public instruction.**

22 (1) The state superintendent of public instruction shall evaluate the
23 effectiveness of the programs funded under section 115.42 of the statutes, as created
24 by this act. By January 1, 1999, the state superintendent shall report the results of

1 the evaluation to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the
2 manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes.

3 **SECTION 5. Appropriation changes; public instruction.**

4 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
5 to the department of public instruction under section 20.255 (1) (a) of the statutes,
6 as affected by the acts of 1997, the dollar amount is increased by \$58,000 for fiscal
7 year 1997-98 and the dollar amount is increased by \$68,500 for fiscal year 1998-99
8 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 1.0 GPR position for
9 the family involvement in education projects.

10 (END)